



SPOKESPERSON

HOMWOOD ROTARY CLUB

CHARTERED 1936 - DISTRICT 6450

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Lend a Hand

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

1. Is it the truth
2. Is it fair to all concerned



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3. Will it build goodwill and better Friendships
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned

THE WELCOME GAUNTLET FOR OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS



On September 3, 2003 Matt Raising and Don Ransford were welcomed into our midst's as new members of the Homewood Rotary Club by President Gary. They were welcomed by the membership by walking (running) through a "HI Five" gauntlet after the meeting. Just in case you don't recognize who is who, Matt is in the picture on the left and Don, obviously, is the guy on the right.

CUDOS FOR A TASK WELL DONE

The combined special meeting and baseball outing on September 8th was a Hugh success. Jerry Bradley , Jerry Palm, Connie Stevens and Mike Krokidas did a fantastic job getting the event planned and organized and also for setting everything up for the BBQ and cooking the food. A special thanks to Art Welsh for providing the DQ-Dilly Bars for dessert. There was certainly enough food to satisfy everyone's taste and appetite. I have not been to a tailgate party that was better than this one even though it was in Jerry Palm's back yard. President Gary emphasized that this event was to promote fellowship among our members. I don't think anyone can dispute the fact that fellowship was evident everywhere during this outing. The Two Jerry's, Connie, and Mike deserve a big round of applause for getting this wonderful evening organized and off the ground so successfully. We can only hope that because of their success we can look forward to other club outings such as this. An added pleasure was being able to share this event with our Japanese Scholar, Yuki Ooi, who attended as a guest of the Club and President Gary and First Lady Pat. I think all of us are looking forward to her visiting one of our meetings. I'm positive that Geoff will make sure that he finds time in his program schedule so that she can tell us about herself, her home town in Japan, and her educational pursuits at the University of Chicago. By the way, can you tell which of these beautiful ladies is Yuki?



Got an idea or a suggestion for a program? Write it up on the form that can be found as the last page and send it to Geoff. He will be delighted to hear from you.

PROGRAM: Don Ransford - Classification Talk

Unfortunately, Don's classification talk had to be postponed because of the business of getting the Foundation budget approved by the membership. However, Don was presented his Rotary pin and Certificate by Rick Thiernau and President Gary.

Foundation Proposed Budget Controversy

The original budget submitted by the Foundation Board did not include a line item that provided the requested \$6,000.00 funding for the Cusco Project. This created some concern from some of the Club membership that there would be no funding for the Cusco Project. A meeting was held between the Cusco Committee and the Foundation Board that resulted in a line item be included in the proposed budget for the Cusco project. However this line item did not provide any specific fund allocation and a codicil was added to the document saying that the Foundation Board would use this open line item to provide make up of any shortfall of the \$6,000.00 not raised by fund raising projects. There was a lengthy discussion that finally resulted in a motion being made and seconded that the line item include the \$6,000.00 requested and the codicil be removed. A vote was taken by show of hands and the motion prevailed.

Announcements, Activities, Member Contributions



JUST A REMINDER TO PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AT GARY'S OFFICE 799-6020 BY FRIDAY IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE WEDNESDAY MEETING. THIS INFO WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE CATERER, THANKS

Please let Nancy Dederer, the *Care and Concern* committee person, know if you are incapacitated for any reason, or if you are going into the hospital. She needs to know; when you will be admitted and to what hospital, how long your Hospital stay will be, or how long you'll be laid up, and if you wish, the extent of your illness. If it is an emergency please have your wife, husband or significant other provide her with the information. She can be reached by calling either the church (798-0490) or at home (799-2736).

CUSCO, PERU UPDATE (provided by Donna Thiernau)

In August Bob Wilson, Ruben Chuquimia, Donna and Rick Thiernau flew to Cusco for 72 hours with two goals: Check on the previous hospital and look at the needs of our next hospital.

The previous hospital has really taken advantage of our last visit. They basically did not have an ICU. Today, they not only have one, it is up and running and saving lives. Our club is making a difference.

The next hospital is nothing like the previous one. This hospital is for the very poor. It is less than clean and the equipment is limited. The positive is that we know what they truly need and how we are going to organize the next mission, scheduled for May 28 through June 14, 2004. They are so looking forward to our arrival and all the good work we are going to be able to provide to the poor.

To keep club Rotarians informed, a regular update on the planning activities will appear in the Spokesperson.

HOMEWOOD ROTARIANS NEEDED

¡Hola! We will be holding our first organizational meeting for Cusco 2004 at Dr. Ruben Chuquimia's home on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm. We will begin discussing details and organizing committees. If you are interested in a leadership role please plan on attending. You do not have to travel to Peru to be part of this Club project. Your help is needed here and now. If you plan on attending this meeting, please RSVP to Rick Thiernau 708-798-5828 by Monday, September 22nd. - Gracias (Just a taste of what we learned at our first Spanish class.

SPANISH CLASSES BEGAN Sept 16th. On Tuesday's from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
At Marian Catholic High School (Ashland and Jo Orr in Chicago Hts. - enter
Ashland).

For 30 Weeks (Classes will end in May).

Two teachers, teaching together. Both are planning to be translators on the
Mission.

All material provided.

Price \$450 (\$15 x 2 hours x 30 classes - for two teachers who will go on the
Mission)

Call Donna or Rick for more detail 708-367-0598 or 708-798-5828

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD AND PAMS
CUSCO MEDICAL MISSION 2004

May 28 - June 14, 2004

Travel

May 28 - June 7 or

June 4 - June 14 or

May 28 - June 14

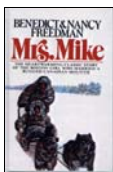
PUN OF THE WEEK (09-17-03)

A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named
“Amal.” The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him “Juan.” Years later, Juan sends a picture of
himself to his mom. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she had a picture of
Amal. Her husband responds, “But they’re twins- if you’ve seen Juan, you’ve seen Amal.”

Do you know that if you are looking for, or need a past issue of the **SPOKESPERSON** you can sign on to the club
web site (www.homewoodrotary.org) click on the **SPOKESPERSON** button, cursor to the date of the issue that
you are looking for, click on it and this will open the issue which you can read on line or, if you so desire, print,
If you don’t want to print the entire document, choose the page you wish to print by using the thumbnail tab on
the left side of the widow to chose the appropriate page. We can thank Clint Johnson for being able to do this.
Clint has accepted the responsibility for posting past issues of the **SPOKESPERSON** to our WEB site.

If any of you need your laminated *away from home* badges replaced please let me, Joe Commerford, know so I
can make new ones for you. There is **NO CHARGE** for these badges.

Bob Hindsley our Club Treasurer reminds us: “When you bring a guest to a Rotary club meeting, the member
bringing the guest will be billed \$10.00 **EXCEPT** if the guest is a potential club member. In that case, the club
picks up the tab for the charge. Protocol dictates that you are not to state to the treasurer that this is a potential
member in front of that person, please get to the treasurer during the meeting to tell him that the person is a
potential member, otherwise you, the member, will be billed for the guest's meal charge”.



Next week’s meeting brings us the long awaited and greatly anticipated book review of “Mrs. Mike” by Joe
Ledwell. I understand that this is a program you don’t want to miss. Did all of you get a chance to finish the
book?

A big welcome home to our European wanderers Jim Mahan and Jan.. According to Jim he and Jan had a
spectacular time. However, Jim relates that Jan’s luggage was lost and never found. As a result Jan got to go on
a shopping spree that allowed her to restore her entire wardrobe from the skin out. That in itself would make
any woman feel like they woke up in Utopia. They even got to buy new luggage. Jim and Jan have another big
trip to look forward to. As our President Elect, Jim will be traveling to Japan for the international convention
next year. I wonder if Jan’s luggage gets lost on that trip if she’ll include a kimono in her replacement
wardrobe?

- ☑ From “Rotarians On The Internet” (ROTI- 09-17-03)

There are many things that we can do to perk up and strengthen our interpersonal relationships. Yet the most effective involves the saying of just three words. When spoken or conveyed, these statements have the power to forge new friendships, deepen old ones and restore relationships that have cooled

The SEVENTH of these three-word phrases that can enrich every relationship

Count on me.

A friend is one who walks in when others walk out. Loyalty is an essential ingredient for true friendship. It is the emotional glue that bonds people. Those that are rich in their relationships tend to be steady and true friends. When troubles come, a good friend is their indicating “you can count on me.”(ROTI/Clint Johnson)

- ☑ From “Rotarians On The Internet” (ROTI-09-17-03) This is really worth reading.

The Power of Holding Hands

I was sitting on a beach one summer day, watching two children, a boy and a girl, playing in the sand. They were hard at work building an elaborate sandcastle by the water's edge, with gates and towers and moats and internal passages. Just when they had nearly finished their project, a big wave came along and knocked it down, reducing it to a heap of wet sand. I expected the children to burst into tears, devastated by what had happened to all their hard work. But they surprised me. Instead, they ran up the shore away from the water, laughing and holding hands, and sat down to build another castle. I realized that they had taught me an important lesson.

All the things in our lives, all the complicated structures we spent so much time and energy creating, are built on sand. Only our relationships to other people endure. Sooner or later, the wave will come along and knock down what we have worked so hard to build up. When that happens, only the person who has somebody's hand to hold will be able to laugh.

By Rabbi Harold Kushner

- ☑ Another merger: 3M and Goodyear. Their new Corporate name will be MMMGood.

- ☑ Oh No! This coming Tuesday (09-23-03) Is the Autumnal Equinox the first day of Fall. Are we ready for it?

What is it? The Autumnal Equinox happens once a year. At this time, because of the motion of the Earth around the Sun and because the Earth is tilted, *the Sun crosses over the Earth's equator on its way south..* This year, the Autumnal Equinox is Tuesday, September 23 (to be precise, at 12:30am CDT).



your opinion.

Lest you forget, Halloween will be upon us at the end of October. Sooo, our gung-ho fellowship committee (These are the folks that did such a great job on the baseball outing)are trying to drum up enthusiasm for a Halloween member get together(euphemism for party). They are interested in what kind of format you think the affair should take. Costumes yes or no, bobbing for apples etc. OR, maybe a Halloween party is not our bag. Anyway think about it and let Mike Krokidas or Gary Nordbrock know what your ideas are at our upcoming meeting. There should be forms on the tables on which you can express





This Weeks Poop Sheet

No Shows

Anthonisen, Brannigan, Burnson, Butler, Chuquimia, Cofran, Cooper, Doerfler, Doody, Edwards, Engel, Guzik, Krause, Lamblin, Mclean, Mora, Moser, Murray, Overgaard, Palmer, Raiser, Ryan, Rosenblum, Santacaterina, Smith, Stark, Stokes, Thieman, Vana,

Member's Guests

Greg Hobas(Mike Dunn)

Visiting Rotarians

LuAnn Berning(Matteson), Hedy Kingma(Matteson)

None

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday: Laura Murray (9-29), Bob Palmer (9-29)

Anniversary: CLUB-Marv Commerford (9-25), Joe Moser (9-25), Mike Ryan (9-25), Tom Brannigan (9-26), Anita Rosenblum (9-27)

George Carlin's Question of the week:

Why is it that if you ship something by car it's called a shipment, but if you transport something by ship it's called cargo?

Make-ups by Members

Have you visited another club as Rick Thiernau suggested? You will not only get to meet other Rotarians and compare our club with the one you visited. You will also get to experience other lunch menus. All of this, and you'll earn a make up as well...Sounds like a deal you can't refuse.

Club Locations Which Meet at 12:15 pm

Monday

Chicago Hgts: St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
330 Highland Dr. corner Ashland.

Evergreen Park: Baracco's Pizza 3701 W. 95th

Oak Lawn: Oak Lawn Hilton, W.95th St.

Tuesday

Blue Island: Elks Club, Cicero Ave, Crestwood

Chicago: (noon) Chicago Ath. Club 12 So. Mich. Ave

Oak Forest: Luigi's 15750 S. Harlem Orland Park

Matteson: Holiday Inn 157/Rt.30. Access off of
Lincoln Hwy.

Thursday

Orland Park: Silver Lake CC, 147th & 82nd Ave

Park Forest: Freedom Hall,410 Lakewood

Friday

Hinsdale: Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills

Lansing: Lansing C.C. 186th & Wentworth

Tinley Park: Odyssey Golf Club 19110 S. Ridgeland

Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Sept. 24-Joe Moser

Oct. 01-Laura Murray

Oct. 08-Mitch Overgaard

Invocation

Sept. 24-Cathe Evans

Oct. 01-Walt Flor

Oct. 08-Steve Guzik

Sergeants at Arms

Cheri Vana, Geoff Slawson

Upcoming Meetings

September 24

Joe Ledwell's book report of ".Mrs. Mike".

Flossmoor Community Center

October 1

Geoff Slawson-Vocational Service Month

Flossmoor Community Center

October 8

Club Assembly

Club Information

Officers 2003-2004

International President

Jonathan Majiyagbe

District Governor

Chuck Johnson

President

Gary Nordbrock

President-Elect

Jim Mahan

Directors

Mike Ryan

Cheri Vana

Geoff Slawson

Jack Edwards

Treasurer

Bob Hindsley

Secretary

Sandi Jones

Past President

Barb Ramsey (Resigned from Club)

Foundation President

Mike Slevnik

Web Address

www.homewoodrotary.org

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

A committee is a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours



Club Service

Cheri Vana-Director

Programs

Geoff Slawson

Fundraising

Sandi Engle

Public Relations

-Bruce Cole

Club Internet

Clint Johnson,

Mary Commerford

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Joe Commerford

Music

Alan Long

Greeter

Larry Burnson

Fellowship

Gary Nordbrock

Parliamentarian

Nick Markionni

Historian

Nick Markionni

Chaplin

Joe Ledwell

Installation Banquet

Gary Nordbrock

Jim Mahan

CPR Class

Clint Johnson

Golf Outing

Paul McHenry

District Conference

Jim Mahan

Book Review

Joe Ledwell

Room Setup

Cheri Vana

Geoff Slawson

Care & Concern

Nancy Dederer

Membership/membership

development

Jim Mahan

2004 RI Convention

Jim Mahan

RI Information

Rick Thiernau

Mike Slevnik

Raffle

unassigned

Procurement Committee of Foundation

International Service



Lend a Hand

Jack Edwards, Director

Cusco Project

Ruben Chuquimia, Chair

Donna Thiernau

Rick Thiernau

Bob Wilson

Roger Bovenkerk

Paul Harris Fellows

Unassigned

VOSH, Steve Guzik

Community Service



Lend a Hand

Mike Ryan-Director

RYLA

John Blakey

Health Fair

Cheri Vana

Steve Marks

Glenwood School

Christmas

Jerry Palm

Community Awareness

Expo

Unassigned

Fourth of July Parade

Donna Cerullo

Homewood Days

Tom Brannigan

Flossmoor Fest

Colin Alpert

Presidents Day

Unassigned

Food Drive

Nancy Dederer

Youth Mixer

Unassigned

Students You Should Know

Jim Mahan

4-Way Test Contest

Unassigned

Centennial Project

Unassigned

Library Lecture Series

Steve Guzik, Chair

Little League Team

John Townsend

Senior Lunch

Sandi Jones

Flower Box

Unassigned

Homewood Foundation



Michael Slevnik, President

Joe Commerford, Vice President

Scott Doerfler, Secretary

John Blakey, Treasurer

Ruben Chuquimia

Steve Guzik

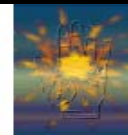
Martin Anthonisen

Bob Wilson

Clint Johnson

Walt Flor

Vocational Service



Geoff Slawson, Director

John Blakey

Donna Cerullo

Vreni Mendoza

Mike Ryan



Homewood Rotary Club Weekly Program Suggestions

Programs Topics I think would be interesting. _____

Contact these people to present programs to us _____

Some ideas on possible programs I would like to here more about _____

Thanks for your thoughts. Please return to:

**Geoff Slawson,
1727 Linden Rd.
Homewood, IL 60430**